

Letter from Leesburg.
Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.
LEESBURG, Va., Nov. 30.—Does not strike you as a singular fact, that in this our time of greatest need, all our old national leaders are dead, and that there is no man now before the public eye, who is looked to as a leader of the masses of the people?

I see you still have confidence in the people, especially in the people of Virginia. I can only say, that, if our people are a criterion by which to judge those of Virginia, they do not seem to have confidence in themselves.

All we can say is, that in the Union we have enjoyed a degree of happiness, prosperity, and respectability that no people have ever before been blessed with; that from a free band of 3,000,000, we have, in 70 years, reached the magnificent number of 30,000,000; and that, under its fostering care and protecting flag, our commerce is second to that of but one nation on the face of the globe.

We can see all this when we look back; but when we look forward, all is chaos.

One only hope suggests itself to every mind, and we look up hopefully to the Almighty Ruler of Nations, with the simple trust that "man's extremity is God's opportunity."

As to the temper of our people, there is no excitement; but there is a deep feeling of dissatisfaction with the doings of most of the Northern States. We are defending our rights of property, and can take no step backward without surrendering everything; they are the aggressors, and can, without loss, retract—and it must be done, or worse will come of it.

I think the Loudoun meeting of December Court will be a large one, and will give a fair expression of the mind of the county.

A few town items may not be unacceptable.

At this time last year, there was not a vacant house in town, and now there are five comfortable houses for rent. I hope they will remain idle no longer than New Year's Day, which is a common time among us for moving.

A notice homespun as not an uncommon article of dress for persons of means, who have not worn it since the days of their boyhood. This, I take it, is a step in the right direction, for when we are self dependent, we will be independent, and not before.

Not perceiving in the dress of the ladies any particular change in the character of the material, but they look so handsome, I suppose they may be allowed the extravagance, if such it be in reality, for some good judges have said that the best clothes are the cheapest.

They are the only gay looking objects we meet with, and I suppose our present and future prospects in this life are only made tolerable by their presence. In this connection, I will add, that the number of marriage licenses issued so far this year, is 77, being more than for the whole of last year, but largely below the average for leap year. As there is only a month remaining, I am afraid that they will hardly reach the average.

Mr. Pickett has put up, this year, a brick building, three stories high, 24 by 40, and is now engaged in laying the foundations of another, 24 by 75, which, with the new wash-house and servants' room, will at least double his accommodation for guests. A new barber has also set up shop at the "Pickett House," who will prove a desirable acquisition to the comforts and convenience of the old burg.

There are several cases of typhoid fever in town, but I believe they are not of a malignant character.

Cel. Morgan's election in Clarke county, is gratifying to many of us who oppose him in his general politics. He is a man largely interested in both land and slaves, whose interests will be as much affected as those of any man in the community, and who, therefore, can safely be trusted to act calmly and considerately in the present emergency.

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There is nothing here but Secession dreamed of, or talked of. For weeks we have been in the midst of public dinners and meetings. Three last week, and speaking in the court house, last night. All are for Secession. The vote of the ladies was taken in the meeting last night, and "to a man" they voted to be rather the widows of Secessionists than the wives of "Submissionists." There was a meeting here last week to nominate delegates to the convention, and eight were appointed a committee to make nominations, and of the eight, three were ministers. We have a rifle corps here of 70 men, and our representative, P. C. J. Weston, a rifle planter, has made them a present of 100 minnie rifles, \$5,500, and a Whitworth Gun, \$1,500, besides smaller contributions. We have also an artillery company of 64 men, and Gov. Gist has just sent them a battery of six guns; and three rifle planter have sent them their checks for \$200 a piece. Then we have troops to which I belong. We had a present of \$250 last week, and if we do have to fight, we will be ready to do so. Our Railroad is still pushing on and will not stop. All other business is at a stand still. The Banks will not discount, although a bill has passed our Legislature legalizing the action of the banks in refusing specie. All the Turpentine, Rosin, Cotton and Rice are being stored; add the Banks lay over all Northern notes without protesting them. The Lawyers won't sue on Northern paper, and every where the Palmetto flag is flying. The one on our Liberty pole is a red flag with rising sun and lone star.

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"HITCHED ON AND DRAGGED."—The more we think over this elegant and classical expression, a few weeks since given out by our esteemed contemporary of the Richmond Enquirer, the more we don't like it. It conveys to the mind the idea of a stubborn or being "hitched on" to the coupling pole of a wagon, and "dragged" along almost at the expense of his neck, *adversus ventum*. It, too, might fairly be construed as a serious reflection upon the intelligence, manhood and independence of the people of Virginia, who could be "hitched on" and "dragged into a common destiny" with the Cotton States, no matter what might be their desire. To subordinate every consideration of principle and every instinct of self-respect to an imagined community of commercial interests, is progressing a degree backward in the science of government, as well as of morals and letters, scarcely assimilative to the spirit of this progressive age. To assume that the people of Virginia are mere anatomical structures, animal entities, devoid of the power of volition and independent of the moral attributes of mind, is presuming upon the credulity and stupidity of the present, tracing that reason and independence becomes transparent. The people of Virginia "hitched on"—strapped to—for the purpose, willing or not, of being "dragged into" the mad and reckless schemes of South Carolina. Why, before we would submit to such humiliation and degradation, we would raise the flag of the sovereignty of Western Virginia, and resist to the death the destruction and absorption of our sovereignty and independent rights—our God-given and constitutionally guaranteed privileges and immunities. Virginia is sovereign and "hitched on" to the "common destiny" of no power, until she so determines for herself.—Standard Vindicator.

THE CENSUS.—The population of the State of New York is a fraction over 550,000.

The increase of population in ten years is about 170,000.

Michigan has 74